PRESIDENT: I may mention to the honourable House that I will be making a statement immediately after the question time on the matter, and on the policy of this Government with regard to the mineral sands.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether there was any representation from the public of Karunagapally complaining against the dangerous consequences of the present methods of operation?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes Sir. Complaints were received and investigations were made.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether any order has been issued to the Company for the temporary stopping of mining in coastal areas?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Temporary stopping has been effected but not complete stopping.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will not the monsoon create an emergency situation in Karunagapally due to the working of the mineral companies?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Government are aware of it, and urgent investigations are being made.

Backward Communities and Government Service.

117 *MR. BRHAMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether under the existing rules governing recruitment to the Public Service, it is well-nigh impossible for backward class Christians to gain entrance into Government service;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government has adopted any measures to remedy this disability on the part of backward class Christians.

MR. S. N. URE (*Public Service Commissioner*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise. The whole question will come up for review shortly.

Compost Manure.

118 *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what amount of compost manure was made by the Agricultural Department in the year 1119.

(*b*) whether there is any stock made available for sale in any of the manure depots in Travancore, and

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, where are the places and what is the price per ton of manure?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*): (*a*) 2,19,716 c. ft. or approximately 4,000 tons, by the various Municipalities under the direction of the Bio-Chemist.

(*b*) Yes. The manure is available for sale in the compost depots under the various Municipalities.

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(c) Nagercoil, Thuckalay, Kuzhithurai, Trivandrum, Attingal, Quilon, Shencottah, Kayamkulam, Mavelikara, Changanacherry, Alleppey, Kottayam, Alwaye and Parur. The price varies from Rs. 3 to Rs. 10 per ton.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : ചോദ്യോത്തരക്കടലാസ്സിൽ മൂന്നാംവശ്ത്തു കമ്പോസിറ്റു വളത്തിന്റെ വിലയെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. അതായതു് ഒരു ടൺ വളത്തിന് മുന്നു രൂപാ മുതൽ പത്തു രൂപാവരെ വിലയുണ്ടെന്നു്. ഈ വില നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും ആണോ അതോ ഗവണ്മെൻറാണോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : ഇതിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഒരു കാര്യവും ഇല്ല.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) . മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽനിന്നും ഒരു ടൺ വളത്തിനു @ o രൂപവീതം വച്ചു വിൽക്കുന്നതു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു സമ്മതമായിരിക്കുമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : അപ്രകാരം അവർ ചെയ്യുകയില്ല.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : May I know whether the Officer of the Agricultural Department is in charge of the manufacture?

MR. K. Ri NARAYANA AIYAR : He is only an Expert to advise the Municipalities. The Municipalities themselves are dealing with the question.

MR. P. S NATARAJA PILLAI : Will not the Department be able to know what the cost of manufacture will be when the advice is tendered by the Departmental subordinate?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI . Can they not issue instructions to the Municipality to sell it at normal price?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The Municipalities cannot be asked to sell it at a loss but they have been advised not to make any profit.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Does the cost of manufacture go up to Rs. 10 in certain places?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes Sir.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kotturakara*) : Cannot it be spent on a uniform rate?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The whole matter is in their hands.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : What is the reason for the difference in the price.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Because of the difficulty of transport, accessibility to the place of collection, etc. For example, in particular municipal centres, the nightsoil depot may be at close quarters and in other municipalities it may be far away.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know the quantity of manure sold by each Municipality to the customers?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have got the figures. The total quantity is roughly 4,000 tons up to the end of 30th April 1945.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have any information as to the fact whether when a Municipality sells it at high rates, there are any purchasers for it?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: If there are no purchasers, the Municipality will not sell it at that rate.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether compost manure can be easily manufactured in reserve forests?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir. Compost manure is manufactured out of human waste and also city waste.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the total quantity of manure manufactured till the date referred to in the previous answer?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Up to 30-4-1945, the Municipalities are reported to have manufactured about 12,000 tons.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Director be pleased to state whether Thiruvalla Municipality is included in the list?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

Annual production of rice in the State.

119. * **MR. P. M. VARGHESE**: Will the Government be pleased to state what is the increase in the annual production of rice in the State in 1119 as the result of intensive cultivation resorted to by the Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About 25,000 tons.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ഇൻടെൻസിവ് കൾട്ടിവേഷൻ കൊണ്ട് വിള വു മുണ്ടായിരുന്നതിൽ കൂടുതലാണോ, അതോ കുറവാണോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: വിളവെല്ലാം അതാതു കാലാവസ്ഥ അനുസരിച്ചായിരിക്കും കൂടുന്നതും കുറയുന്നതും.

MR. N. D. PARAMESVARAN NAMBOODIRI (*Travancore Jennies, North*): May I know whether any additional steps were taken this year to encourage intensive cultivation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: As a result of bringing into cultivation some of the lands which hitherto used to lie fallow and by bringing single crop lands under double crops under the lift irrigation scheme and also through the cultivation of lands in the reserve forests, about 25,000 tons of rice were additionally produced last year.

MR. N. D. PARAMESVARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether any further increase is expected this year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is for early to say now.

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